

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Council Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**Call to Order.**

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Maloy, Reyna, Semmelmann, Dean and Rangel.

Acting City Manager Brummett, City Secretary Feutz, Community Development Director Smith, Economic Development Liaison Caldera, and Administrative Assistant Gomez were also present.

Mayor Riley announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be said at the beginning of the regular meeting.

**Citizens to Be Heard.**

Mayor Riley asked if anyone in the audience wished to address Council; hearing no one, she announced the next agenda item.

**Discussion and Direction on Goals of the Business Alliance Committee.**

Chairman of the Business Alliance Committee, Mike Davis, addressed Council stating that after the Committee finished their work on the Sign Code, the Committee would like direction from Council on where the Council would like the Committee to focus their work. Mr. Manea, a member of the Committee and the President of the Leon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed Council asking Council what position they were taking on the economic development tax issue.

Members of Council thanked the Committee for their work on the Sign Code. They recommended that the Committee and the Chamber should make recommendations to Council on projects and the economic development tax because they have knowledge of what programs are needed by the business community and what the business community sees as barriers for successful businesses in Leon Valley.

Councilmembers suggested that the Committee: read the act; recommend ballot language for an election on the economic development tax; and make recommendations as to what projects the economic development tax could help. Council discussed the challenges that the transportation issues for Bandera Road could have in developing those projects and the possibility of having a street maintenance tax on the ballot with the economic development tax.

Mr. Davis suggested that the Committee could work to educate the business community and others on the benefits of the economic development tax but expressed his concern about the short amount of time left before a November 2007 election on the issue.

Councilmember Maloy suggested that four or five specific projects be identified for the economic development tax with accompanying bond packages for voters to consider. Mayor Riley suggested that citizen workshops may be one avenue to further educate the citizens on the subject.

Council asked if updates from the Committee could include what they and the Chamber are doing

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for economic development in Leon Valley.

Mayor Riley introduced Rudy Garcia in the audience who had expressed an interest in serving on the Business Alliance Committee in the future.

**Citizens to be Heard.**

No one appeared to address Council.

**Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the workshop. Upon vote, the motion carried. The workshop adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chris Riley

Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz

City Secretary

*City Council voted approval of these minutes at the Regular City Council Meeting on September 19, 2006*